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National News

WIRED: [Anonymous stole and leaked a megatrove of police documents](#)

It's been the better part of a decade since the hacktivist group Anonymous rampaged across the internet, stealing and leaking millions of secret files from dozens of US organizations. Now, amid the global protests following the killing of George Floyd, Anonymous is back—and it's returned with a dump of hundreds of gigabytes of law enforcement files and internal communications.

On Friday of last week a leak-focused activist group known as Distributed Denial of Secrets published a 269-gigabyte collection of police data that includes emails, audio, video, and intelligence documents, with more than a million files in total. DDOSecrets founder Emma Best tells WIRED that the hacked files came from Anonymous—or at least a source self-representing as part of that group, given that under Anonymous' loose, leaderless structure anyone can declare themselves a member. Over the weekend, supporters of DDOSecrets,

Anonymous, and protesters worldwide began digging through the files to pull out frank internal memos about police efforts to track the activities of protesters. The documents also reveal how law enforcement has described groups like the antifascist movement Antifa.

The massive internal data trove that DDOSecrets published was originally taken from a web development firm called Netsential, according to a law enforcement memo obtained by Krebs On Security. That memo, issued by the National Fusion Center Association, says that much of the data belonged to law enforcement "fusion centers" across the US that act as information-sharing hubs for federal, state, and local agencies. Netsential did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

New York Times: [Qualified immunity protection for police emerges as flash point amid protests](#)

Once a little-known rule, qualified immunity has emerged as a flash point in the protests spurred by Mr. Floyd's killing and galvanized calls for police reform. In the vast majority of cases of police brutality, officers are never criminally prosecuted. For families of victims seeking some sort of relief through the justice system, qualified immunity presents another obstacle to obtaining financial or other damages. Even in the rare cases where the officers are charged, as in Mr. Floyd's death, the police can still claim qualified immunity if relatives or victims sue them.

Activists have seized on qualified immunity as what they see as one of the biggest problems with policing and argued that it shields officers from being held accountable in cases of misconduct. Police leaders said it was essential for officers' ability to respond to calls and to make split-second decisions.

Qualified immunity is a focal point of the new debate on Capitol Hill over how to address systemic racism in policing and use of excessive force. House Democrats unveiled a bill that would allow victims of police brutality to seek damages from their assailants. A competing Senate Republican bill made no mention of qualified immunity, and the White House press secretary, Kayleigh McEnany, called it a "total and complete nonstarter."

Local News

New York Times: [Gun violence spikes in N.Y.C., intensifying debate over policing](#)

It has been nearly a quarter century since New York City experienced as much gun violence in the month of June as it has seen this year.

The city logged 125 shootings in the first three weeks of the month, more than double the number recorded over the same period last year, police data show. Gunmen opened fire during house parties, barbecues and dice games, and carried out coldly calculated street executions.

The rising toll of gun violence has become part of a contentious debate over the future of policing in the wake of mass protests against police brutality. Police unions and their supporters have issued shrill warnings that the city was slipping into a high-crime era reminiscent of the early 1990s.

The city is not alone. Shootings are on the rise in other big cities across the country, including Chicago and Minneapolis, a trend that some conservatives have seized on to argue against the recent demands of protesters to cut police budgets and rein in officers.

NPR: [Seattle Police will return to precinct in protest zone, mayor says](#)

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan says police will return to their East Precinct building, after a weekend in which three people were shot in the occupied zone known as the Capitol Hill Organized Protest, or CHOP. One of the victims died.

"In the near future, SPD will be peacefully returning to the East Precinct," Durkan said via Twitter, as she and Police Chief Carmen Best announced plans to take back control of the area formerly known as the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone.

Seattle police need to work from the precinct to "ensure public safety" and respond to emergency calls, Durkan said.

KPBS San Diego: [Reports of child exploitation, trafficking increase during pandemic](#)

Among the many social consequences of the coronavirus pandemic is that young people are spending more time than ever at home and on their phones.

This has made them more vulnerable to human traffickers who lurk on social media, say local law enforcement officials.

Reports of internet crime against juveniles in San Diego County, which mostly involve sharing illicit photos of minors, have tripled since the pandemic started, according to the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

In April of 2019, there were 287 reports in the county. This April, the number shot up to more than 850, the DA's data show. The local numbers mirror a trend happening nationwide and across the world.

Chicago Tribune: [Saying Chicago police uphold 'racist and white supremacist values,' DePaul tutors refuse to work with officers taking classes, call for university to cut ties with department](#)

After weeks of student calls to end educational programs that serve members of the Chicago Police Department, DePaul University Provost Salma Ghanem turned aside the demands on Monday, saying in a statement that "the actions of a few do not represent the (CPD officers) we teach."

The provost's statement also included an account from an unnamed police officer who said she was "devastated" by the students' appeal.

“As a CPD Latina I am proud to be who I am and for the past 12 years have worked tirelessly throughout my career to make a difference and I can bet my life savings that many officers (enrolled at DePaul) share the same feelings,” she wrote.

International News

AFP: [French police under new scrutiny after chokehold death](#)

France's police faced new pressure Tuesday after the family of a delivery man who died after being arrested last January demanded a ban on chokeholds.

Cedric Chouviat got into a heated exchange with police after being stopped for a routine check near the Eiffel Tower in Paris before he was pinned down by several officers.

Chouviat, who has North African origins, said "I'm suffocating" seven times before his body went limp, according to a review of videos by investigators seen by AFP this week.

He was not breathing and had no pulse when emergency services arrived and brought him to hospital, where he was pronounced dead two days later.

Four officers were taken in for questioning last week in an inquiry into "involuntary homicide" but so far they have not faced disciplinary action.

Police Executive Appointments

Global News: [Toronto Police Deputy Chief James Ramer named interim chief effective Aug. 1](#)

Toronto Police Deputy Chief Ramer has been named the interim chief of police effective Aug. 1.

Ramer will remain as interim chief until the Toronto Police Services Board appoints a new chief.

The board made the announcement on Monday after an internal memo was sent to officers informing them of the decision.

The internal memo, obtained by Global News, was sent on behalf of current police Chief Mark Saunders, who announced he would be resigning at the end of July.

Good News of the Day

ABC 13 Toledo (OH): [Toledo Police officers leave gift for child attacked by dog](#)

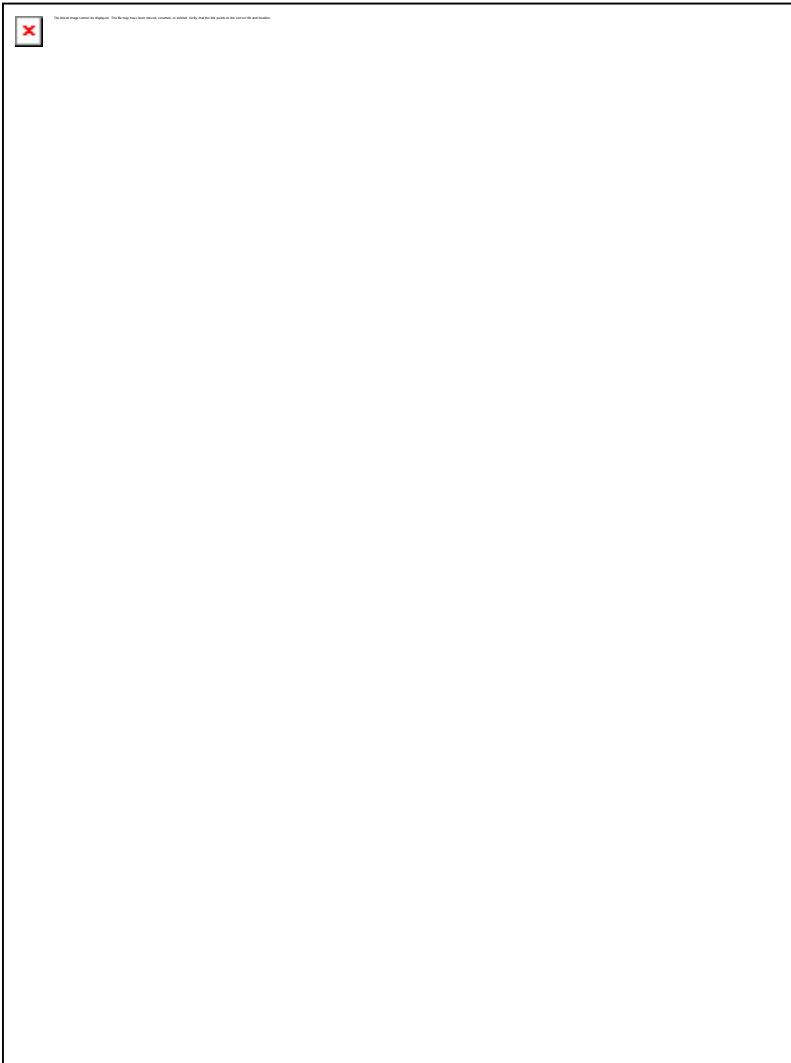
A Toledo family is sending out a thank you to two Toledo Police officers that went above and beyond the call of duty.

Last week, JJ Knudsen was visiting a family member when she was attacked by a dog. Police officers and firefighters both arrived on the scene and JJ was taken to the hospital and rushed into surgery.

While at the hospital, her father noticed something on the family's security system. Two police officers that responded to the call tracked down the family's address, went to the house and placed a gift on the back porch.

Inside the bag was a baby doll and a Paw Patrol toy along with a card wishing the 4-year-old a speedy recovery.

Photo of the Day



[Sheboygan \(WI\) Police Department](#)

We had a nice visit today from Audrey. Audrey and her mom made us "survival bags." Thank you Audrey for the amazing bags.

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